



**SACEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Sonia Marcus, John Noor, Geoffry Habron, Keith McDade, Lael Gray, Bridget Herring

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. John Noor motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Keith McDade seconded. Motion was approved unanimously

2. UPDATES/REPORTS

a. New SACEE Member: Bridget Herring

Sonia Marcus introduced the new SACEE member, Bridget Herring. Ms. Herring spoke briefly on her qualifications and background.

b. Food Policy Update: New A/B Food Policy Coordinator, Kiera Mulvey Bulan

No current updates. Ms. Mulvey Bulan introduced herself to the committee. The group discussed ways in which the committee can support her in her role.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Review 2016 SACEE Goals and Accomplishments

The group discussed the comprehensive planning goal and how it was being used at the neighborhood level. Councilwoman Julie Mayfield inquired about the sustainable development incentives goal. Ms. Sonia Marcus mentioned that there was a presentation about it, and that the committee should follow the process.

Councilwoman Mayfield also mentioned that the city many concerns about stormwater. Members discussed a stormwater goal that will be added to the committee's future goals.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Water Resources Department Presentation—North Fork Dam Improvement Project

The North Fork Dam provides the city with 70% of its water. There are plans to improve the design of the dam that will include building auxiliary spill gates. Additional improvements also include improving the water line to Black Mountain, raising the dam four feet, and stabilizing the main tunnel. Construction is estimated to begin in June of 2017 and be completed in late 2019.

Members discussed and inquired whether the design accounted for climate change projections, how the dam would function during the construction phase, emergency response options, and potential increases in demand for water. Mr. Jade Dundas noted that the model accounted for massive rain showers and increased demand. During construction the lake level will be lowered and will give multiple feet of work room.

b. City of Asheville Bond Referendum

Councilwoman Mayfield discussed the sustainability related projects proposed in the bond package. These projects include parks, housing affordability, street resurfacing, bike lanes, sidewalks, and greenways. The decision to do a bond referendum happened very quickly and projects proposed were chosen from current plans and projects that were already prioritized. An interactive map was created to show where the projects would be done along with projects from the current and future CIP.

Mr. Habron asked whether the bond projects have been viewed from the SACEE point of view, such as looking at carbon footprint impacts. Councilwoman Mayfield noted that there are several multimodal projects but did not know if anyone has looked at the bond through the SACEE lens yet.

c. Review Adopted Council Priorities

Councilwoman Mayfield informed members of where to look at the Council priorities online.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Sonia Marcus adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m. without objection.